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level. Therefore, under this program,...or, this option, none of the systems would have to incur the cost to treat their water. The second option addresses the primary source of radon, which is in the air rather than in the water. Right now the Department of HHS has a regulation and licensure already in place to address the indoor air radon program. It promotes radon awareness for public through education, testing, training, and technical assistance. Expanding that program to incorporate a multimedia mitigation program is a very feasible...is very feasible, and less costly than treating the drinking water for radon. The radon rule right now is only in the proposed form. At this time the Bush administration is reviewing all the proposed rules. But we're asking that we proceed with this bill this year, because if it would...if this rule would be taken...it would be put into effect, our Governor would have 90 days from the effective date of the rule in order to instigate the program. And this would be a great savings to the state of Nebraska. Even without the EPA regulation, should it not come into place, LB 668 is a modest proposal for promoting public awareness of an important public health issue. I'd be glad to answer any questions if I can. And if not, I would ask you to look favorably and adopt this program.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Kremer. (Visitors and doctor of the day introduced.) Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Kremer would move to amend his bill by adding the emergency clause. (AM1181, Legislative Journal pages 1229-1230.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Kremer, you're recognized to open.

SENATOR KREMER: Okay. Since this proposal would have to take effect within 90 days after the rules are adopted, it could be that if that should happen, that we would be short of the time in order to wait for this to be enacted by...without the emergency clause. It was intended that this was put on in the committee. But it was an oversight. So we are adding the emergency clause at this time. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Kremer. Debate on the